

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-56 were pending in the application. Claims 8, 16, 25, 36, and 47 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 11, 12, 15, 18, 20, 27, 28, 31, 37, 41, 42, 45, 50 and 52 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, 17-24, 26-35, 37-46, and 48-56 accordingly remain pending in the application.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

In the Decision on Appeal, the rejection of claims 8, 11-14, 16, 18, 19, 25, 27, 28, 36-38, 41, 42, 47, 50, 52, 55 and 56 were reversed. In view of the Decision, Applicant has amended the claims to conform to the subject matter deemed allowable.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-05200/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,

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